

Marykirk Parent & Carers' Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 8th March 2016

Present: Fiona Thomson (Head Teacher), Bev MacKinnon, Karen Wolstencroft, Willie Brown, Kim Tait, Karen Strather, Chantal Hay (Chair)

Apologies Sara Adair

1. Review of Previous Minutes (2nd February 2016)– approved

2. MPCC Logo

Chantal will contact Gaynor again regarding having a copy of the logo to be used on any publicity for the future.

3. P3-5 Trip

The payment of the bus by the MPCC is all in hand.

4. Letter of Thanks to Business' Who Donate

These have been sent

5. Breakfast Club

This will not be proceeding at the present time due to lack of interest from sufficient families, with only 3 out of 32 indicating that they would use this facility. However, this can be reviewed again in the future if further interest is shown.

6. Laptop Costings and Funding

The contribution of £1500 from the MPCC towards laptops was confirmed. Fiona advised that the desktops are now 8 years old and notebooks are being taken away by the Education Department. £1400 will be coming in the future from Aberdeenshire Council. The £1500 + Enterprise money will allow for the purchase of 6 laptops.

7. Charitable Status for MPCC

Karen S confirmed that she had the forms for OCSR. These will be passed to Chantal and Willie agreed to assist Chantal to complete.

8. MPCC Fundraising Events

Bingo

The next fundraising event is the Family Bingo Night, Friday, 29th April, 7.00 pm, BYOB and Nibbles. Tickets will be priced at £6.00 per adult, £3.00 per child or a family ticket for £20.00.

- Kim confirmed that the hall is booked.
- Chantal to ask Gaynor to design some advertising leaflets (A5 or smaller) size and the school children will do a leaflet drop as part of their Daily Mile. The leaflets will be distributed the first week after the Easter Break.
- Gaynor will also be asked to design from advertising posters to be displayed in various locations before the Easter Break.
- The hall will be available for set up from 2.30 pm.
- Families will be asked to donate prizes which they can take along to the Parents night on 29th March.
- If sufficient prizes, may be able to also hold a raffle to raise funds.
- Karen to ask Gaye Moore if she will be able to lend us the bingo equipment and books.

M&Co Fashion Show – shop is currently being renovated. This will be looked at again in the next school year.

Raft Race – Raft, Stall and Children's Races

The Raft Race Committee have requested the MPCC if we are willing to organise Children's Races and Strawberry Stall again this year.

It was noted that in previous years it has been very difficult to get sufficient children wanting to take part in the races, so it is not worth pursuing this again.

In regard to the Strawberry Stall, it was agreed that this would only go ahead if sufficient people were able to volunteer to help on the day. This is due to the fact that in previous years, it has been just a small number of people willing to man the stall so that these individuals are unable to enjoy the event. It was agreed that the school would put out a request for volunteers and that a rota will be available on the Parent's Evening to allow for people to indicate their willingness to assist on the day.

It is also anticipated that there will be sufficient volunteers so the school will also be able to participate again in the raft race.

9. Any Other Business

School Evaluation

Fiona requested the MPCC to take 10 minutes to give some feedback on what works and does not work well in Marykirk Primary School as part of the school's ongoing review.

Positive aspects included:

- The recent Burns Supper was very successful and reflected how well the school works with the local community.
- Enterprise – children taking responsibility and coming up with their own ideas on what will be successful. The children took on the responsibility for contacting local companies by telephone. Feedback has been received from different sources as to how polite the children are
- Guinea Pigs – again gives responsibility to the children for a shared activity.
- Fitness activities such as the Daily Mile, extra curricula activities such as netball and football.
- The priority now being given to timetables and spelling. Also the range of activities available for homework.
- European Topic gave the children the opportunity to research their own information and present back to the school.
- The Open Door policy of the school

Some suggested areas for improvement:

- Keep the level of fundraising under review to ensure that there are not too many activities run across the academic year.
- Ensure that reading activities are variable to encourage all children to take up the opportunity to read and that books available are age appropriate – e.g. Bug Club, Library access, Classroom Reading.

The school would welcome any additional feedback from Parents and Carers.

Road Traffic Issues

Karen has contacted the local councillors to advise of the MPCC concern. She will contact again with dates of our next meetings and invite attendance to see how this issue can be taken forward.

Dates of next meetings –

Tuesday, 26th April 2016 6.30 pm

Tuesday, 14th June 2016 6.30 pm

